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Dear Mr. Breitenbach

I would like to take this opportunity to comment about the CALFED plan looking at solutions to California's water needs.

Some elements of the DEIR/S are sound, especially the Ecosystem Restoration program, delaying any peripheral canal plan, and increased conservation. However several aspects are disturbing to me. I don't believe there is any reason to build more dams given their devastating impact on fisheries and the environment, and the expense involved, which drains our tax dollars. In addition, restoration of the San Francisco Bay and Delta should also be given the highest priority. The Bay and Delta are in poor shape and so protecting water sources in the Sierras is critical. Finally, I believe projections of future water needs must include conservation as a realistic factor because our cavalier use of water has encouraged wasteful practices.

I hope you will take these comments into consideration during the upcoming hearings and planning.

Sincerely,